MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE ON LABOR

March 6, 2007 9:00 a.m. 307 HOB

The Chair called the meeting to order.

Present were: Reps. Miller, Meadows, Bieda, Constan, Farrah, Hopgood, Lindberg, Wenke, LaJoy, Steil, Rick Jones,

Absent: None.

Rep. Meadows moved to approve the minutes of the meeting held February 27, 2007. The motion prevailed.

The Chair laid before the Committee HR 21 – Miller – A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact the Employee Free Choice Act.

The Chair recognized the following people who testified in opposition to HR 21.

Wendy Block from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce Chris Heaphy from The Taubman Company Robert Boonin from Butzel Long Attorneys and Counselors Donald Scharg from The Fishman Group

The Chair recognized the following person who testified in support of HR 21.

Cynthia Paul from SEIU

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HR 21 but did not want to testify.

Ken Fletcher from the Michigan AFL-CIO

The following person filled out a testimony card in opposition to HR 21 but did not want to testify.

Amy Shaw from the Michigan Manufacturers Association

The following person filled out a testimony card in opposition to HR 21 and did want to testify.

Paul Kersey from the Mackinac Center

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The Chair stated that the Committee would hear Mr. Kersey's testimony at the end of the meeting.

Rep. Meadows moved to report out HR 21 with the recommendation that it be adopted. The motion prevailed, the vote being 7-3-1.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

Yeas: Reps. Miller, Meadows, Bieda, Constan, Farrah, Hopgood, Lindberg,

Nays: Reps. Wenke, LaJoy, Rick Jones.

The Chair laid before the Committee HB 4216 – Robert Jones – Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; certain boiler operators and stationary engineers; allow registration under certain circumstances.

The Chair stated that the Committee would only be taking testimony concerning HB 4216 at the meeting today.

The Chair recognized Rep. Robert Jones, sponsor of HB 4216 to explain the bill.

The Chair recognized Robin Norton from the Department of Labor and Economic Growth to answer questions by members of the Committee concerning HB 4216.

The following people testified in support of HB 4216.

Phil Schloop from IUOE, Local 547 Dan Ringo from IUEO, Local 547

The following person filled out a testimony card in support of HB 4216 but did not want to testify.

Robin Norton from the Department of Labor and Economic Growth

With no further business to come before the Committee Chair Miller adjourned the meeting, the time being 10:25 a.m.

Representative Fred Miller, Chair

Mary Lou Terrien, Clerk